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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Certifies October 7th Statewide Special Election Results

Governor-elect Schwarzenegger can now be sworn-in

SACRAMENTO, CA—Secretary of State Kevin Shelley officially certified today the final election results for California's unprecedented October 7th statewide special election.

"As Secretary of State, it is my duty to certify the results of the October 7, 2003 statewide special election. This certification brings closure to an election that garnered worldwide attention, and resulted in record voter registration and absentee ballot application requests," said Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

Vote totals certified by Shelley today show more than 15.4 million Californians registered to vote, and more than 61 percent of registered voters cast their ballot on Election Day. The number of votes cast on October 7, 2003 exceeds by 1.6 million the votes cast in the November 2002 general election.

Certified voter registration and participation results are reported in the Secretary of State's October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election Statement of Vote that is now posted at www.ss.ca.gov.